

PLANNING REF : 261740
PROPERTY ADDRESS : 11 Wren Close
: Wokingham
: RG41 3YT
SUBMITTED BY : Mrs Chiara Tuckwell
DATE SUBMITTED : 20/08/2026

COMMENTS:

I have no objection to the proposed relocation of the front door into the garage. I do have concerns regarding other aspects of the proposal.

The proposed roof windows appear out of character with the neighbouring properties and the established street scene within Wren Close. This would create a visual feature that is not in keeping with the appearance of the immediate area.

In addition, whilst roof windows may not create direct overlooking during normal use, there is potential for views towards neighbouring properties during routine cleaning and maintenance activities. This could result in an increased perception of overlooking and loss of privacy for adjacent residents.

I note that the plans appear to identify a property numbered 13 adjacent to the site. To my knowledge there is no number 13 on this part of Wren Close, with Number 12 situated between Number 11 and 14. I would ask the Council to confirm that the submitted plans accurately reflect the surrounding properties and site context before determining the application.

I am concerned about the proposed parking arrangements and whether they could impact access to the turning area in the close which forms part of the adopted highway. The turning circle is important to allow vehicles to manoeuvre safely, and any encroachment could lead to inconvenience or highway safety concerns.

It is also unclear why an additional parking space is necessary, as the existing driveway appears capable of accommodating two vehicles parked one behind the other. I would therefore ask the Council to carefully assess whether the proposal could adversely affect the available turning space and vehicle movements within the close.

The application does not appear to clearly specify the materials proposed for the altered driveway. It would be helpful for neighbouring residents and the Council to understand what surface treatment is intended.

Consideration should be given to using materials that are both durable and sympathetic to the appearance of the area. The existing loose stone surface can allow weed growth and may require ongoing maintenance. If alterations to the driveway are accepted, it would be useful to understand whether a concrete finish, similar to the current appearance, or another appropriate material is being considered to maintain a consistent and tidy area. For the reasons outlined above, I ask that these matters are fully considered before any decision is made on the application.